

# THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday morning Mass	10.00am
	Monday & Wednesday Mass	09.30am
	Friday evening Mass	07.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Justin Duggan**, Kilkenny and formerly Dangan Terrace; **Mickey Treacy**, Ballynamona (Month's Mind Mass 6pm); **John Feeney**, Portmarnock and formerly Jerpont West (Month's Mind Mass 10am Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin Street (6pm); **John McDonald**, Kilvinogue (10am Mass); **Alice Mackey**, Logan Street.; **Paddy and William Grace**, Grennan. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions next weekend:** **Peter, Molly and Patrick Lannon**, Newtown (6pm Mass).

**The Plan for living with Covid-19 at Level 3.** Places of Worship will have to remain closed for at least a three-week period except for private prayer, weddings and funerals.

Join us for Mass on Radio 108fm or Webcam by going to [www.thomastownparish.ie](http://www.thomastownparish.ie) and you will find the link there. We will not hold the Sunday Midday Mass until our Churches reopen for Masses with congregations.

Each Sunday morning, at 9.30am, a live Mass is celebrated on KCLR96fm and broadcast to the people of Kilkenny and Carlow.

**November as a Month of Prayer and Remembrance for the Dead and the Bereaved:** The Bishops have asked that a Service be held in Parishes on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3pm remember the Dead, especially those who died and were laid to rest without traditional funerals. Let's join together then to remember and pray, on 108fm or [www.thomastownparish.ie](http://www.thomastownparish.ie)

**November Masses for the Dead:** This year Masses for those who died since last November, and all the dead will be offered each Friday at 7pm. Next Friday we will be particularly conscious of all who died November, December and January. We invite families of the deceased of those months to provide us with a photograph which we will keep in the Church for the month.

**The List of the Names of the Dead:** A basket is provided in the Parish Church. Please bring your list of those whom you commend to our prayers during November. Each day while the Church is open a candle will be lit to show the prayers rising for your deceased relatives, friends and neighbours.

**Evening Prayer** will be held on our radio and webcam during November as the sun goes down and the evening draws in, at 5pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

**A chaplet** to pray for the Holy Souls during November

*Begin with the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

*On the five large beads:* O Holy Souls draw the fire of God's love into my Soul to reveal Jesus crucified in me here on earth rather than here afterwards in Purgatory.

*On the ten small beads:* Crucified Lord Jesus have mercy on the Souls in Purgatory.

*Conclude with:* Three 'Glory be to The Father.....'

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** The telephone number of the Thomastown St. Vincent de Paul Society is **086 2664669** for anyone who wishes to contact the Society.

**Parish Newsletter by email.....** We can now distribute the weekly Newsletter by email. Please email [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) if you are interested. Otherwise you can find it on the website.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Family Carers Ireland:** due to level 5 restrictions they will no longer be able to meet Carers one to one. They will, as always, be available to offer support & advice on 056 7721424 or on our 24-hour careline 1800 24 07 24. Do not hesitate to contact them & they will assist you as much as possible."

**Thomastown Parish Seniors Citizens Shop:** The shop will be closed while restrictions in place. Stay safe and hopefully not too long until we be together again.

**Community Focus – Free Postage to Nursing Homes and Care Facilities - Bring a little Joy!** Recognising the increased restrictions in nursing homes and care facilities across the country and to bring a little joy, **An Post will ensure free delivery of all card and letter mail posted to and from residents of Nursing and Care facilities in the State until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.** **By writing FREEPOST where the stamp would normally be affixed, An Post will carry cards, letters large envelopes and packets weighing up to 2KG without a postage stamp.** Customers can send these items through the Post Office network and post boxes across Ireland.

**Seeing your Life through the lens of the Gospel:** *The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when*

*- you were poor – you knew your need of God*

*- you mourned – you could feel for others*

*- you were meek – neither spineless nor emotionally out of control*

*- you hungered and thirsted for some cause*

*- you were merciful rather than vengeful*

*- you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond*

*- you were a peacemaker*

*- you were persecuted because you stood for something.*

**This week** do a little research – check out about the Saints whose names you were given in Baptism and the one whom you chose for Confirmation. There may be something in their lives that will speak to yours. Have a conversation about this. And pray to your saints, asking them to be role models for you, and to speak to God about you, and the issues you deal with these days. And don't forget to call to the family grave, to remember your loved ones and to say a prayer for them.

*'May the meek and festive countenance of Jesus Christ appear to thee*

*that he might give thee*

*a place around those who are to stand before him forever'.*

These words are inscribed in stone in the Cemetery at Colmcille.